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DURHAM, N.H. – The state of New Hampshire made history last fall when it became the first state with an all-female Congressional delegation. This March, the University of New Hampshire will celebrate this milestone as part of Women’s History Month.

“New Hampshire Women in Politics: First in the Nation,” will be held from 5 to 7 p.m., Wednesday, March 6, 2013, at Huddleston Hall. The event is hosted by the College of Liberal Arts and the Women’s Studies Program. It is free and open to the public.

The event will celebrate New Hampshire’s strong tradition of electing women at the local, state, and national levels. It also will include a discussion with women political leaders about the history of women in politics and how women’s roles have evolved over the course of their political careers.

“The Women's Studies Program at UNH is delighted to host this event and reception on behalf of all of us on campus. New Hampshire has kept its position as first in the nation, though this time with a great twist. It is our women in politics who have pulled out front for these historic victories in the most recent fall 2012 election,” said Marla Brettschneider, professor of political science and women’s studies at UNH and coordinator of the Women’s Studies Program.

“The women of the first all-female Congressional delegation in U.S. history won their races in November not only for themselves, but for all women and all of us who aspire to excellence and making the world a better place,” Brettschneider said.

The University of New Hampshire, founded in 1866, is a world-class public research university with the feel of a New England liberal arts college. A land, sea, and space-grant university, UNH is the state's flagship public institution, enrolling 12,200 undergraduate and 2,300 graduate students.

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